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From editor: Long time no see! Due to my jobs including some articles I write for DXFF and Five-Nine (JA1ELY Toshi's monthly DX magazine), the DXFNL of April and May were not issued. Sorry, but don't worry; your mailing label will be used till the last one for your subscription. One year has passed since I began this newsletter (almost) regularly from 21 March, 1984. Thank you for your help and co-operation, my dear friends!!! By the way, this is the tenth issue of the DX Family News Letter. 73 & C U Mike Watanabe, JH1KRC

LU2A Ron wrote me a letter with some QSL cards I had claimed recently. Ron is known as the QSL manager for LU5ZA, ZE, ZI, ZR, and AZ5ZA. In his letter he certainly replied and will reply all the QSLs he receive(d), and all of IRCs and green stamps enclosed are donated to the Radio Club of Argentina. Being a QSL manager is not his profession but his honor. Ron kindly agreed to my offer to send a list of QSOs from my side so that he can certify and reply the QSLs for my stray sheep who had failed to confirm their contacts.

Ron sent back 21 QSLs for JAs in the list, 5 are "2nd reply" and others may have been lost somewhere in the route before he get. For the correspondence we use registered mail both ways. (Note that there is no garantee it will surely reach but more reliability)

Today I sent another "list" to him with a bundle of IRCs for the help to Ron and R.C.A. Ron is the member of the Board of Directors of the Club, and is very active in institutional work specially in IARU. LU2AH and LU2AFH are his call also. He is going to credit XU1KC, 1S1CK and ZC4MT for his 312 DXCC count.

Most certain mailing address to Ron may be:

Sr. Reinaldo Szama, Gorostiaga 2320 P 15 "A"
1426 Buenos Aires,
Rep. Argentina

(Your editor is glad to write this article to appreciate Ron's good QSL job, and for his HONOR.)

3D2RN Isao Nakajima, JH1RNZ, got married to Keiko at Shiba Church, Tokyo, 13 April. (photo) Isao, an active DXer as well as a contester, hopes to enjoy ham radio "being married and having a peaceful home", as he says, and their honeymoon was on a DX-pedition to Fiji, 14-23 April. As soon as they arrived in 3D2 resort island, Isao put up the aerial wires on the palm trees with help from the local people climbing the trees and his XYL Keiko watching the SWR meter. Here in JA side, his signal was not heard in the day time due to the propagation or no operation (?), but the bands in the night through 160 to 20 were busy with the pile-up, every night!

The band condx on the low bands in Fiji looked very interesting. Isao worked some twenties USA including the Eastcoast on 160, and got an endless calls from USA on 40 for an hour or so when he came on the band late at night. (1st QRV from Fiji on 160m) Though the openings to Europe were rare and poor, Isao filled up 2,900 QSOs through 160 to 10, including WARC 30m band. Some twenty JAs succeeded in the all band contacts with him, and got the special souvernir as an award.

One night Isao noticed the SWR suddenly became badly high during his operation on 80. Keiko had to go out and see what happened, and found the handmade traps of his W3DZZ dipole were burning with flame in the sky. So that Isao's activities in the night time were limitted only on 160, 40, 30 and 20. Note that he didn't go QRT.

Back in Japan, Isao relieved us saying that it is hopeless to set up antennas in their new QTH for a while. (hi)

3D2RN/KC6RN/T3ØRN QSL to: Isao, P.O.Box 13, Isehara, Kanagawa 259-11 Japan

8J1XPO is the memorial station of the TSUKUBA SCIENCE EXPO '85, now active from Tsukuba Science City, Ibaraki. If you have a plan to go there, don't forget to take your original license. You can register yourself and operate from the station. Note that they have no big beam antenna (you might first look for), since they use a repeater link to control HF set outside the exposition area. 8J1XPO is located near Shueisha Pavillion in Block G. They operate as portable in night. QSL via JARL bureau.

8J1RL "Masa", Masayuki Kobayashi JR1FVH was an active operator of this station, as well as the commercial radio, during the Japanese 25th Antarctic Scientific Observatory Expedition in Syowa Base, 69°S-39°E, Ongul Island, Antarctica. (photo)

--The following is Masa's story:

" My year-long dream was realized in the Antarctic Expedition (13-month, 1983-1985). Among the 32 crew, male only, in this closed community, ham radio was a very good amusement and a relief for psychohygienics. Specially "pile-up" was really enjoyable. Time for operation was limitted but we are fortunate enough to make the best record among the past 25 expeditions, 5,300 contacts as 8J1RL, and 70 as 8J1RM in Mizuho Base (270 k.m. S.E. of Syowa Base).

After we took over the former expedition, we began to set up the new beam antenna, 5-element tribander, special "antarctic spec", on a 11 m. triangle tower bolted onto the rocky ground. It took nearly one month to complete in the outside temperature -20C. The operation began from March 20, 1984. In April, the band conditions were excellent and it was possible to work a JA-mobile on 28MHz. But the condx in September and October did not come up as I expected, so that my contacts were mostly with the stations from Europe, after my dinner (16z-), instead of JA's. (See the location. To the south of ZS.)

Since I was ordered by my dear captain to make out the best result in the ham radio operation, by this time, I was devoted in that job. But the station 8J1RL might not be very popular, many people from Europe asked into the detail, and some turned their antenna toward Japan due to this 8J callsign. The terrible pile-up of European style made me recognize that JA's operating manner is not too bad. (...even if it became worse and shameless. - editor)

My commercial job is to communicate with Japan and other foreign bases in Antarctica, by traditional c.w., and faximile, teletype and phone through MARISAT. The HF system consists of two 5 k.w. and a 1 k.w. transmitters and two JA-directed Rhombics, one for transmitting and another for receiving. There is a vertical log-periodic beam also (fixed). Both in amateur and commercial, I often experienced the sudden "fade-out" of signals - this may be the characteristics of propagation in this part on the globe. S-9 signal disappears suddenly. The local communications with Mizuho Base were made on the lower HF frequencies, which was sometimes difficult due to the unstable and unexpected (from my experience through ham radio in JA) ionospheric

activities. The propagation between the snow mobile on the way and the base was found the best and usable on 3MHz; other band works like a switch - the propagation on or off. A dipole up 1.5 m. was the BEST.

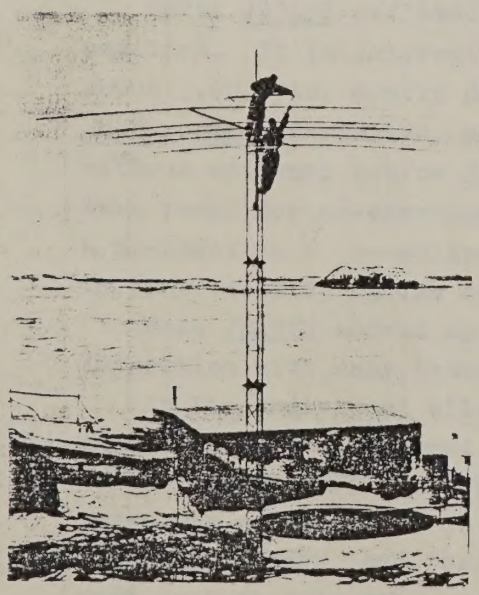
Five or six people used to stay at Mizuho Base inside the continent. 270 k.m. between the two bases we moved on a large snow mobile. It takes a week, and we took enough foods. But there is no toilet in the mobil; so that we have to wait and be patient until the last few minutes, and get off the mobile to get relaxation. It allows minimal delay on the way.

There were only two amateur operators in the expedition, Shinichi Yamamoto, JE1RFP, and I. From August to October, 1984, I could activate 8J1RM from Mizuho Base, and worked 70 contacts. All the facilities of the base except antennas and weather measurement equipments are buried 2-3 meters under the snow, and each cell is connected by tunnels - made of ice. 8J1RM was operated during this period only.

In February 1985, we ended up the 25th Expedition. We left Antarctica on the new Japanese ice-cracker Shirase to go to South Africa, from where all the expedition team who stayed 13 months in Antarctica took on a jet plane back to the home, March 1985.

All the QSLs from 8J1RL and 8J1RM of the 25th expedition were already written and sent to the JARL bureau in April. So that those who worked the stations will receive the QSLs in several months through the bureau. Of course I already replied all the "pile-up" of S.A.E. which waited my coming back home.

With the favorite "order" from my captain, I hope that my activity from Syowa Base and Mizuho Base made much appeal on the existence of the two. Now I feel I might go anywhere in the world for a DX-pedition - even on Peter the First Island - if I should have the chance to go !!! ""



(photo) Five-element tribander. "the Antarctic Special", survived through the severe conditions like strong wind of 54-meter per second.

--- Many thanks to Masa JR1FVH for the interesting story. (Editor)

5TH TOKYO DX CONVENTION was held at Hotel Urashima, Harumi, Tokyo 08-09 June. Gathered 138 DXers, 2/3 are Japan-Ones, and a few from DX like Robin DU9RG, Mahesh VU2MAC and so on. Nob JA1KSO and Mac JA3USA talked about MAILBOX, packet radio and RBBS, with their systems on demonstration. Yuzo JA1NKV (president of Criative Design, most popular antenna/rotator company) made a lecture on the low bands antennas. An active low bander Masami JA1UQP talked about the jammings transmitted on 40 meters. Tack JE1CKA brought a "CW Pile-up" tape and made an "examination" on JA DXers attending. Tack says there are 100 calls and a dupe in the tape, but many of them are hardly audible. Among some one-hundred "examinees", forty submitted the log, and the first place winner was Saty JE1JKL who shared the first prize with Fred K3ZO at Dayton Hamvention. Saty copied 42 calls. Your editor copied 17 and got the tenth prize (8J1XPO tee shirt). hi

In the pannel discussion (MC: Mike JH1KRC), JA2VPO Toshi revealed how he worked 235 DXCC countries on 40m in one year 1984, and confirmed 229 countries by the end of February 85. He sent his QSLs mostly by SAE air mails, and his friend in USSR helped to confirm the cards from Russian countries, etc. He won the first prize in 40m entry, JA CQ ham radio's "ONE YEAR DXCC". About DX contests Tack JE1CKA, the president of JCCC, suggests the usage of 3.525-3.575MHz (JA phone band) for DX phone contests instead of 3.795-3.802MHz (JA 75m band) so that JA cntesters can pick up the DX operationg on the spot without JA QRMMMMMM we suffer from (you too perhaps). JCCC will appeal this in order to realize at least from the next CQ WW phone. Still, some problem remains -- JA guys who chat on the lower JA phone band.

Sakai JG3LZG reflexed his experience in the recent Clipperton DX-pedition. It is interesting to listen to how they managed to work about 3,000 JAs, mostly done by Sakai as he says, with verticals -- no good radials installed, and ICOM gears without cw filters. (ICOM gears without optional ssb/cw filters installed sound like a common short wave radio for no-experted S.W.L. -- maybe terrible for the use in a DX-pedition ! ---editor) A Japanese operator must be very helpful in order to pick up JAs call with the phonetics of Japanese accents.

Masa JR1FVH showed up his life and radio activities in 8J1RL/8J1RM Antarctica with many beautiful slides. (The story on page 3-4.)

In the individual all-night meetings, attendants chat and get acquainted with the usual callsigns each other. Through these five TOKYO DX CONVENTION, nearly 1,000 DX enthusiasts met in total and got known one another. It is pleasant also to have some foreign guests, like OH2BH, N5RM, and their XYLs, etc in the past. Come and see JAs next year or some other year !

BTØNMN has sometimes been active since the second week of May. This station is operated by Chinese and Japanese joint climbing team enrouting Namunani Peak 7694 meters, Xizang Zizhiqu, CQ Zone 23. The climbing team consists of those of Kyoto University and Doshisha University from Kyoto, Japan, and one from China. This station is located at their base camp. The Chinese operator Zou says their climbing team has been on the way to the peak (speaking in Japanese). At the same time BYØAA began operation from Wulumugi, Xinjian Uygur Zizhiqu, CQ Zone 23. Both stations are reported on 20 meters.

BTØNMN 14.004 cw, 14-15z, 14.198 ssb, 14-15z
QSL P.O.Box 6106, Beijin, P.R. China
BYØAA 14.030-040 cw, D9-10z, 14-15z, and ssb?
QSL P.O.Box 202, Wulumugi, P.R.China

BT1HHL (Beijin) June 13-16, and BT4RJU (Shanghai) June 16-18 are the JARL China DX-pedition. The Crew are JA1RJU, JR1HHL, JF1UMK, JR2HCB, and JF2MBF. They operated 160 through 6m and AO-10 B-mode.

The QSL routes are: BT1HHL via JR1HHL, Fusao Suzuki, 256-11 Iwasawa, Hanno, Saitama 357, Japan.
BT4RJU via JA1RJU, Kazuo Ogasawara, 4-13-12 Kamirenjaku, Mitaka, Tokyo 181, Japan

Note that Fusao JR1HHL strongly requests (for what?) that date on your QSL should be written like "June 23, 1985" and not like "06.23.85" nor "23.06.85", also check should not be made like "x" or "✓". These marks (as he says in CQ ham radio) mean "NO" or "WRONG" in Japan. In japan, mark meaning "GOOD" is " O " according to him, a member of the Board of Directors, JARL. All QSLs written in those "wrong ways" will be returned to the sender, Fusao warns in his article. Why?

Other BYs : BY1PK 15z 14.227 ssb (W7PHO Family Hour), 22z 14.220 ssb, 03z 21.014 cw. BY1QH 18z 7.068 ssb, 12z 14.025 cw, 14z 14.287 ssb. BY4AA 11z 3.800 ssb, 12z 7075 ssb, 10z 14.025 cw, 02z 14.144 ssb, 03z 21.033 cw, also 50.110 ssb. BY5RA 09z 14.019 cw, 00z 21.015 cw, 09z 21.206 ssb. BY8AA so far from JA, no report. BY8AC also no rprt. BY5RF no rprt. Need more training perhaps. QSL via Box 209, Fuzhow.

VE3OMC Tom has been in Beijin on bussiness, often operating from BY1QH. K4YT/DU1 Karl will visit Beijin and Shanghai in July on business, hope to visit the stations. More and more activities are there from BYs these recent months. New one (?) BY1SK 09-11z 14.012, 14.185.

Taiwan BV2B our dear OM Tim looks very active again on the air. 14 ssb during the All Asian Contest. Tim says 8 people have applied for their individual radio stations. Included is Randy KA6??? in Taipei.

HM/P5 Rumor says some amateur from East Germany tries to get a license to operate from North Korea until the end of June. No report yet. There are about 700-thousands "North Koreans" (whose nationality is North Korea) living in Japan today. "Foreigner" cannot get the station license but can get the operator license and operate from a club stn. to which he belongs, in Japan. There may be some hundreds JA amateurs whose nationality was N. Korea, and now is Japan. Rumor says several JA amateurs have applied for the permission of a DX-pedition to North Korea by now. There is no international relationship between N.Korea and Japan, so that the application may be done through some organizations for these people living in Japan.

Accually, there was some amateurs operating from North Korea in early '60s, when some tens of thousands of N.K people living in Japan went back to their home country. JA2AEE (perhaps) whose parent a N.Korean went to N.Korea with his parents, about 1960. He came on the band signing HM6AE (or so), and active for a few years. After that he and other stations went completely QRT.

It is usual someone whose family or friend went to North Korea about this time, cannot corresponds or whatsoever to communicate with. In these recent months, N.Korea and Japan began to contact very fre u-ently in the governmental level, as well as South Korea does to North Korea. Hope that amateur radio in North Korea will begin soon.

By the way, there may be more than 4,000 amateurs licensed in South Korea (HL) by now.

Burma Mistery Is XZ2HN a reality or fake? The rumor of this station "in Rangoon, of course authorized" will spread. But who really heard his signal at all? Okay, be sure he may be on the air.

In December '84, the DX Family's local net on 438.56MHz was filled with a story that "Burma will come on the band soon" because some high Burman officials came to a ham shop - Rocket in Akihabara, Tokyo, and bought "TS-930" the most expensive ham radio set in the market then.

Before the official bought it, he came to the same shop and asked if they have some "radio kits" like TX-88A, FL-50 or 9R59 receiver which were very popular in Japan in '60s. All of those who heard it were surprised; Burma will rebuild ham radio activity in governmental level!!!! According to "RUMOR CHANNEL" in JA DX magazine "FIVE-NINE", investigation says that the Burman official who was noticed there is no radio kit like them now, sent a telex to Rangoon, and got a reply to "buy the best one available" and did. The root of this story is the shop man and the spreader is his friend - a member of DXFF.

"Soon Burma will be on the band!" Many of us believed so. Time flied.

The transceiver the official bought were sent to Rangoon - as the RUMOR CHANNEL says, and everyone who knew this longed for the "coming Burma" Soon after, the TS-930 was sent back to Tokyo. Something wrong? - No. High official in Rangoon side wanted some "radio Kits" that may be useful for training in radio engineering, and not one useful for coming on the band very immediately, to let JA boys go acme. The radio shop couldn't but accept it in return. This is all what we can tell you about the "coming Burma". (Editor hopes you enjoyed this story.)

By the way, "FIVE-NINE" issued by Toshi JA1ELY is very popular now even if it is issued No. 1-3 only by this time. How many subscribers do you think he has? A great number - 1,000. With color photo front page on paper back, the all-DX contents count 32 pages. The subscription for one year cost ¥8,000 inside JA. Unfortunately no English version is available by now. Hope Toshi will allow me to quote something interesting for my readers from time to time.
The RUMOR CHANNEL is signed like "Hachiro Tokyo, JA1ABCD", which suggests some plural writers - rumor collectors. hi.

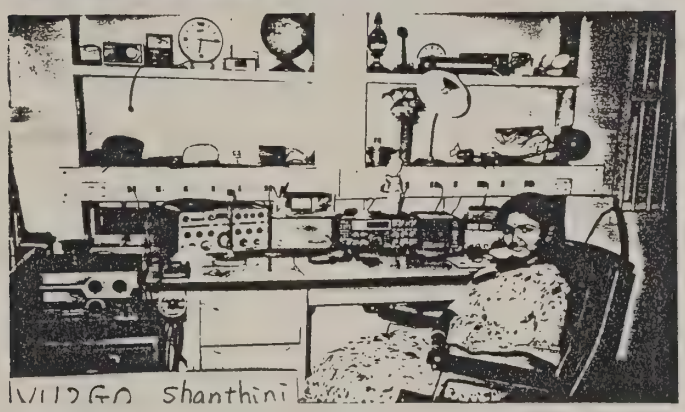
Thailand Japan's "UNICEF Ham Club" will operate a special station HSØIYY in cooperation with Thai authority and RAST, July 26-29. QSL and any schedule will send to : Tsuneo Hara, JA8ATG, 1-10 Sakaecho, Yakumo, Yamakoshi, Hokkaido 049-31 Japan.

I.Y.Y. To cerebrate "International Youth Year - 1985", there come several memorial stations with callsigns 8J8IYY till June 30, 8J6IYY from mid of July, and 8J9IYY Aug. 21 - September. QSL via JARL buro. 8J3UNV is a memorial station for the Universiade Game in Kobe.

JY9MG Masao Umemoto JR3XMG is active from Jordan with this callsign. 3.5 through 28MHz, ssb and cw. QSL via KDXF, P.O.Box 43, Nara Central, Nara 630-91, Japan

Ham Fair '85 will be held at Tokyo International Trading Center, Harumi, Tokyo, Aug. 23-24-25, '85. Most of Japanese radio/antenna companies will join it, and local clubs etc. as well. Adult ¥700. There were more than 50,000 entraces in total last year.
Kansai DX Convention will be held in Osaka City, Sep. 23, '85. Contact Kansai DX Family, Box 43, Nara Central, Nara 630-91, Japan.

All Asia Contest looked enjoyable. Editor made 300 contacts, mostly with Europe, including the good friends like K4YT/DU1, DF4RD, DF2RG, DJ4TF, I1HYW, EA6BC, KB6DAW/KH2, etc.

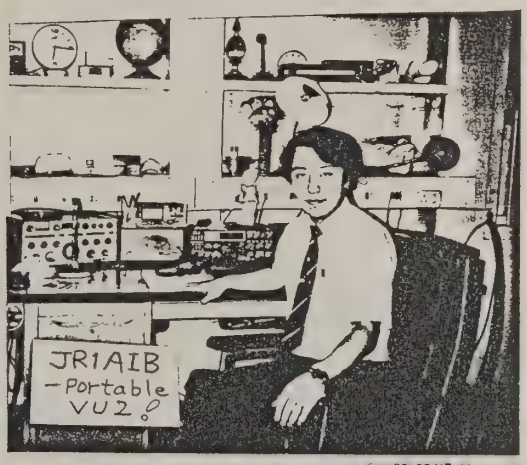


Ham Radio in Coimbatore India

In March, I visited India on business and dropped in some amateurs in Coimbatore, south India. Unfortunately Gopal VU2GDG was absent, but I met Shanthini VU2GO, Thambu VU2WY Vidy VU2DVP and Chitra VU2CVP and enjoyed talking with them. Thanks a lot for their kindness during my stay in Coimbatore. 73 !

De JR1AIB, Yasu

P.S. Many thanks for VU7WCY QSLs, 100% confirmed. (Editor)



Dieter Dippel, DF 4 RD / 8Q7RD
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Fed. Rep. of Germany

Nuernberg, 16.04.1985

Dear Mike, JH 1 KRC,
I got the information from DF 2 RG, that you are interested in a story about my trip to the Rep. of Maldives (8 Q 7 RD).
I did sent you a letter, perhaps he didn't reach you, so I will sent you the same story again, hoping that this letter will reach you.

A special offer of a German travel agency took my YL Rosi and me in March this year for two weeks to 8 Q 7.
With my equipment, diving-mask and flippers in the luggage, I was waiting on the 26th of February at Munich Airport for our departure.
Fog and a demolished plane caused us a delay of 20 hours, so we arrived on the 28th at 0500 local time at Hulule Airport.
The customs confiscated my equipment and told me, that I would get it only when I can show them my license. This Thursday was National-Celabration-day and the next day, Friday (Sunday in 8 Q 7) caused another delay, so I got my license on Saturday the 2nd of March as 8 Q 7 RD.
IK 2 CKR (8 Q 7 CK) was active at the same time, so he took most pile-up away from me and I had much time to tan my skin in the sun, to dive and to do some relaxing from my job.
But nevertheless after 10 days around 1250 qsos were in the log (95% in cw) and on the 13th of March we went back to Germany.
Right now I'm sitting in the shack, looking out of the window, watching the snow-flakes at 0 degrees in Nuremberg and thinking of another trip (One-Way) to the Maldives for the rest of my life.

Thanks for the qsos to all of you and see you next time, probably from SV 5 if there is no special-activity until my next holidays.

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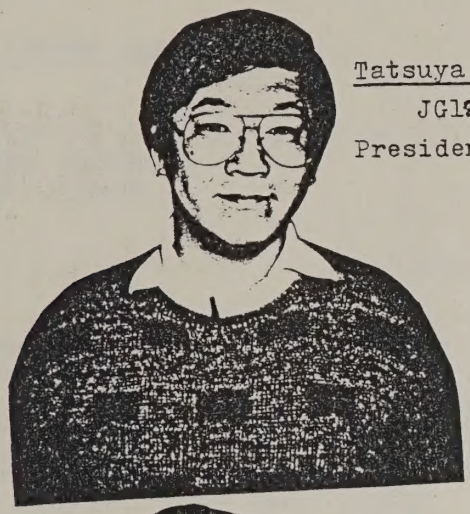
Dieter Dippel DF 4 RD



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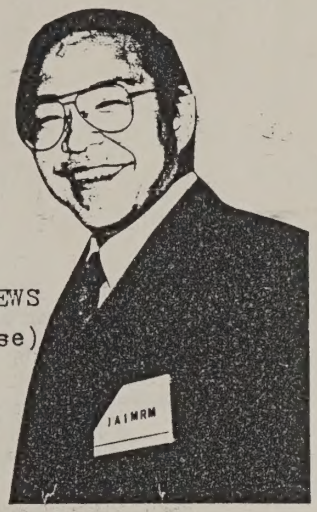

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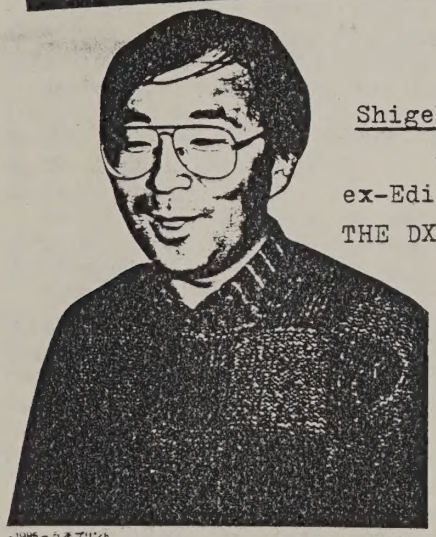

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NEWS LETTER

XU1SS seems to be off the air. The last report we have is on April 29 14MHz cw. The station may be located at some small camp in jungle along the Thai border. They use battery power so that it requires less and less activity. YL - Kimsan can be in a camp in Thai side with her family, but still, Mao Sovann (radio man) can be on job in the front base.

Mr. Son Sann, President of KPNLF as well as Prime Minister of the colliation government, visited Tokyo, early June. JA1UT, JA3UB, JK1KHT and JH1KRC met and passed him the donation ¥340,000, sent from the good-will JA amateurs in order to support the people who lost their houses and need help to maintain their lives. 320 good-wills are listed, mainly from outside big cities in Japan. Mr. Son Sann signed the license of the XU's, by the way. He is very willing to support the amateur radio activity in the liberalistic side of Cambodia.

A LETTER FROM GUAM

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HAFA ADAI FROM GUAM

Was reading the April issue and realized I had not seen anything on Guam in quite a while. And I thought I would send a line or two to let the readers know that Guam is ACTIVE.

The Mariannas Amateur Radio Club (MARC) is an active club. The club supports the island with communitions for their island wide activities. And MARC has just elected their new officers and they are:

PRESIDENT: KG6JIC JOHN CONNERS
VICE PRES: W1YRM DAVID CHARTIER
SECRATARY: KB6DAW EDWARD L CAMPBELL
TREASURER: KA8GVS STEVE SHEMENSKI

And our not elected but not forgotton island bureau manager is AH2G Joe Frekot. Here are some of our more active hams.

On SSB: WH2ACV, KG6RN, KG6JJH, AH2AN, KSØC, AND MYSELF.
On CW: KØAX, KSØC, AH2G.
ON Oscar: W1YRM, KG6DX.

So there are many ways to contact the island. Also active was KD7P who has left the island to return to the states. You might remember him on the Midway (KH4) DXpedition. And we all thank him for that.

On my first letter I thought I would fill everyone on things that I am hearing here in the Pacific. In the last couple of weeks the states are being heard starting about 0300Z. With Central and South America to follow. At 0630Z The HIDXA Net starts with P29JS as Net Control. He is also the President of the club. There has been as many as 40 DX check ins from around the world. Some of the check ins are: BY5RA, VK9NL, VKØJC, KC6HA, TR8JLD, 9V1TL, A35SA, 5W1AU, J37AH. And that is to name a few.

At about 0930Z Europe starts to run on 15 meters. Then about 1100Z africa starts. I have a sked with my manager ZS2DK at 1130Z on 21.250 every Sunday. The about 1330Z the states start again. Most of the stations I hear are pointed to Europe not knowing that the Pacific is running. I had a nice QSO with KV4AD and W2EMN/C6A at about 1230Z on 20 meters. Plus I try to catch the PHO net starting at about 1900Z on the weekends. Also on 14.215 the Pacific DX Net starts with KB7QC and the group.

In the 2 years that I have been a ham I have worked 205 countries and all the states. And I ahve 136 countries confirmed. But being in the middle of the Pacific has its advantages.

Anyone who comes to Guam can find alot of fun with ham radio. DX is usually open to some part of the globe. We do have two repeaters here on the island. They are on 64/94 and 28/88. So please bring your HT along if you come. Our club meets on the first Tuesday of each month. And all visitors are envited to come by. H44IA was our last visitor.

As a last note I hope to bring you news from the Pacific and the island of Guam. If you hear any of us on please give us a call. We are always happy to rag chew. I hope to have a DXpedition to Johnston Island (KH3) around the next WW Contest. But more info later.

So 73 from Guam WHERE AMERICA'S DAY BEGINS.